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FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UY, US

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY REFUGE CASE OF CASILDO HERRERAS

1. FROM RELIABLE SOURCES I HAVE FIRM REASON TO BELIEVE I WILL BE CALLED IN BY FONMINISTER BLANCO ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, TO RECEIVE FORMAL PROTEST FOR HAVING INTERVENED IN INTERNAL URUGUAYAN AFFAIRS AND FOR HAVING "DEMANDED" GUARANTEES CONCERNING HERRERAS' SAFETY AND DUE PROCESS OF LAW IN CONNECTION WITH LATTER'S PRESENCE IN CHANCERY ON MARCH 31. IF PROTEST DELIVERED, IT MAY WELL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIDE PRESS COVERAGE. I WOULD NOT INTEND TO RESPOND TO LATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING HANDLING OF SUCH CASES.

2. I OF COURSE DID NOT "DEMAND" GUARANTEES BUT RATHER ASKED ALVAREZ AT FONMINISTRY WHETHER GOU COULD PROVIDE SUCH GUARANTEES WHICH IN TURN WOULD PERMIT ME TO EVALUATE HERRERAS' REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY REFUGE.

3. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT KNOW EXACT MANNER IN WHICH PROTEST MAY BE PHRASED, WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR ME TO HAVE FURTHER RATIONALE OF OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW STEMMING FROM THE

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PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AND THE 1951 REFUGEE

CONVENTION. EQUALLY, SINCE 2 FAM 227 IS OPEN TO INTERPRETATION CONCERNING TIMING OF SEEKING GUARANTEES FROM HOST GOVERNMENT, LEGAL JUSTIFICATION FOR MY HAVING DONE WHAT I DID WHEN I DID IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE NIACT.
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